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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A telephone wire distribution center comprising:

a front substantially planar surface;

at least one paira plurality of pairs of punch down terminal strips attached to the front surface, wherein each punch down terminal strip includes a first termination area and a plurality of additional termination areas, wherein each termination area of a particular punch down terminal strip is electrically coupled in series by the particular punch down terminal strip to every other termination area of the same punch down terminal strip;

an a corresponding plurality of input-wire pairpairs, wherein the input-wire-pair-labeling region's regions' location respective locations is are substantially in line with a corresponding plurality of respective longitudinal axis axes of a first the plurality of pair pairs of the punch down terminal strips thereby indicating that the first pair respective pairs of the punch down terminal strips corresponds correspond to a first respective input-wire pairpairs; and

a plurality of output-wire-pair-destination-labeling regions on the front surface, the plurality of output-wire-pair-destination-labeling regions' being located substantially laterally with respect to the longitudinal axis-axes of the first pair plurality of pairs of punch down terminal strips thereby indicating that the plurality of additional termination areas correspond to a plurality of corresponding-output-wire-pair-pairs destinations, such that the first-plurality of input-wire pair pairs is organized and labeled along a first axis and the plurality of output-wire-pair pairs destinations are labeled and organized along a second axis that is substantially transverse to the first axesaxis.

Claim 2 (original): The telephone wire distribution center of claim 1, wherein the front surface comprises: a wire channel for routing paired telephone wires.

Claim 3 (original): The telephone wire distribution center of claim 2, further comprising: at least one wire channel hook for retaining wire pairs in the wire channel.

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Claim 4 (original): The telephone wire distribution center of claim 2, wherein the wire channel is located between two pairs of the punch down terminal strips.

Claim 5 (original): The telephone wire distribution center of claim 4, wherein the wire channel separates a first two pairs of the punch down terminal strips from a second pair of the punch down terminal strips.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The telephone wire distribution center of claim 5, further comprising a label for each input telephone-wire pair electrically coupled to one of the punch down terminal strips.

Claim 7 (cancelled).

Claim 8 (original): The telephone wire distribution center of claim 1, further comprising: at least one tie-wire ring for bundling a plurality of wires to the distribution center.

Claim 9 (original): The telephone wire distribution center of claim 1, wherein at least one of the punch down terminal strips comprises a row of insulation displacing connectors.

Claim 10 (original): The telephone wire distribution center of claim 9 wherein at least one punch down terminal strip comprises: an electrically conductive terminal strip inserted into a row of insulation displacing connectors.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A method of organizing telephone wires comprising the steps of: connecting a plurality of paired input wires to a respective plurality of labeled pairs of electrically conductive terminal strips;

connecting a plurality of paired output wires to each of the plurality of pairs of electrically conductive terminal strips; and

labeling <u>output-wire-pair destinations</u>, on the distribution center, the respective paired <u>output-wires</u> such that the <u>plurality of paired</u> output<u>-wire-pair destinations</u> wires are labeled

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along an axis that is substantially perpendicular to an axis along which the plurality of pairs of electrically conductive terminal strips are labeled.

Claim 12 (original): The method of organizing telephone wires as in claim 11, further comprising the step of: routing paired telephone wires through wire channel hooks in a wire channel of the wire distribution center.

Claim 13 (original): The method of organizing telephone wires as in claim 12, further comprising the step of: bundling the plurality of wires in the wire channel.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A telephone wire distribution center comprising:

means for connecting a plurality of paired input wires to a respective plurality of labeled pairs of electrically conductive terminal strips;

means for connecting a plurality of paired output wires to each of the plurality of pairs of electrically conductive terminal strips; and

means for labeling output-wire-pair destinations, on the distribution center, the respective paired output wires such that the plurality of paired output-wire-pair destinations wires are labeled along an axis that is substantially perpendicular to an axis along which the plurality of pairs of electrically conductive terminal strips are labeled.

Claim 15 (original): The telephone wire distribution center as in claim 14, further comprising: means for routing paired telephone wires through wire channel hooks in a wire channel of the wire distribution center.

Claim 16 (original): The telephone wire distribution center as in claim 15, further comprising: means for bundling the plurality of wires in the wire channel.